

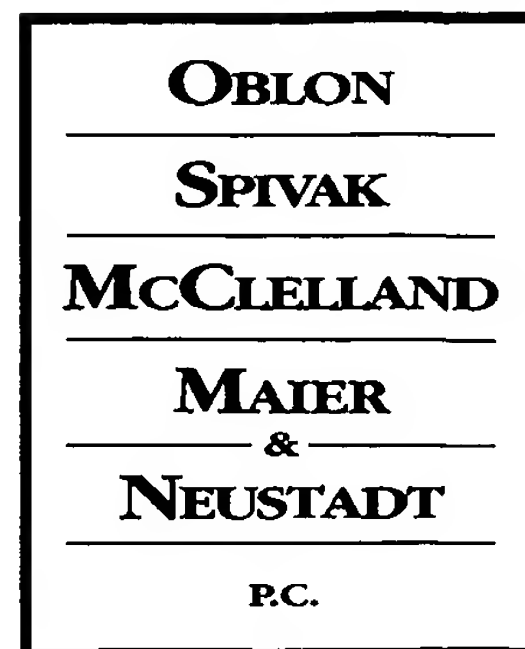


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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/617,193

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DATA

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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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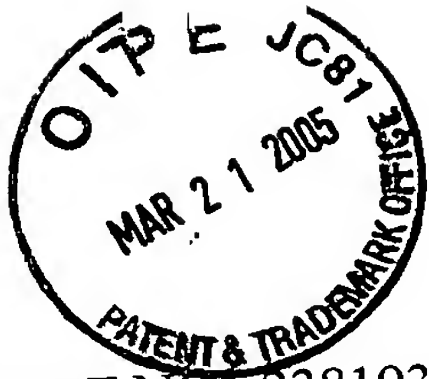
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In response to the Office Action dated December 21, 2004, please reconsider the
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Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.